



Docket No.: 1063-0106PUS1  
(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Johannes Gerardus Maria GERRITS et al.

International Application No.: PCT/NL2003/000947

Application No.: 10/541,219

Art Unit: N/A

Filed: June 30, 2005

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: CONVERTING A FLUCTUATING STREAM  
OF POULTRY INTO A UNIFORM STREAM  
OF POULTRY

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

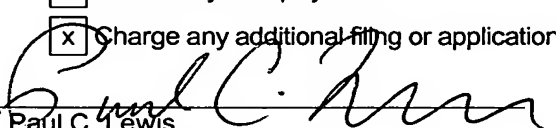
The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

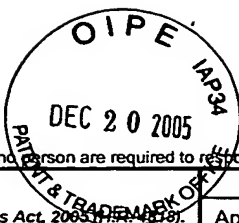
This amendment includes:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.



<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER</b>				Docket No. 1063-0106PUS1	
Application No. 10/541,219	Filing Date June 30, 2005	Examiner Not Yet Assigned	Art Unit N/A		
Applicant(s): Johannes Gerardus Maria GERRITS et al.					
Invention: CONVERTING A FLUCTUATING STREAM OF POULTRY INTO A UNIFORM STREAM OF POULTRY					
<b>MS Amendment</b> Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>					
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Independent Claims	2	- 3 =	0	x	
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**For FY 2005**☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT** (\$) 900.00**Complete if Known**

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**FEE CALCULATION****1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)	Multiple Dependent Claims
38	- 20 = 18	x 50.00 =	900.00	Fee (\$)

Indep. Claims	Extra Claims	Fee (\$)	Fee Paid (\$)
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

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